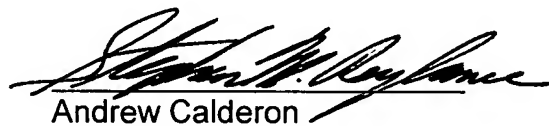


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 26, 27, 31, 32, and 33 have been amended to delete multiple claim dependency. Thus, these amendments and amendments to claims 7 and 13 are made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to be associated therewith.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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